

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claim 2, which depends on amended claim 1, is being retained as is without any amendments thereto. Claims 3 to 7 and 9 to 12 have been cancelled.

The Examiner's indication that claims 4 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims is gratefully acknowledged. Accordingly, this is what applicant has done. Thus, amended claim 1 includes the subject matter of claims 1, 3(1) and 4 and therefore, represents claim 4 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, amended claim 1 is believed in condition for allowance. Claim 2 depends from amended claim 1 and therefore includes the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 3(2) and 4. Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's indication, claim 2 is believed in condition for allowance.

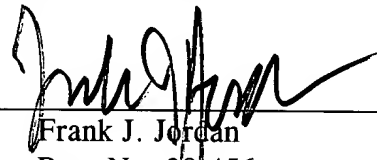
Amended claim 8 includes the subject matter of claims 9, 10 and 11. Accordingly, amended claim 8 represents claim 11 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, amended claim 8 is believed in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is believed there are no longer any outstanding issues in this application. Accordingly, issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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